

State of Arkansas. Later, President Clinton appointed him to the National Park System Advisory Board and twice named him to the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Friends and colleagues described Parker as dedicated and committed to "volunteerism." His leadership in preservation serves as an example to all of us at a time when our country faces new challenges that demand greater community involvement and public service.

Fittingly, in honor of his decades of work and dedication, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has recently bestowed upon him the prestigious National Preservation Award and declared him a "National Treasury." Parker Westbrook is a "national treasure," a true champion of a noble cause. His accomplishments will undoubtedly be admired and appreciated by this and future generations for many years to come.

#### YOUNG PEACEBUILDERS ACT OF 2002

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, the Young Peacebuilders Act of 2002 recognizes that our young people are our greatest resource and our future. It also recognizes that promoting international cooperation and increased mutual understanding—in effect, building peace—requires an investment in new generations of young people.

This legislation would offer young people from regions of conflict opportunities to develop strong character, integrity, and leadership skills, and would help them to learn about conflict resolution and communication. The bill is intended to instill hope—instead of fear—in the hearts of the world's young people, as well as in the hearts of Americans who are at a loss as to how to view the months and years ahead.

For 20 years, Representative UDALL was director of the Colorado Outward Bound School, where he saw first-hand how young people developed strong character and leadership skills by working in the outdoors. Outward Bound and similar programs in the U.S. could help international youth learn the value of working together to solve problems, as well as to help them avoid the cultural misunderstanding that have plagued their parents' generation.

The Young Peacebuilders Act of 2002 would establish a program in the Department of State for youth from regions of conflict. The program would provide for visits in the United States of 90 days or less for training in conflict resolution and mutual understanding. Training would be provided by non-profit organizations and other organizations as determined by the Secretary of State. The State Department, working in conjunction with the Attorney General, would establish criteria for eligibility for participation. The bill would authorize \$2 million for each fiscal year to carry out this Act.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ROBIN HAYES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2002*

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, due to a scheduling conflict, I was unable to be present for rollcall Nos. 41 and 42. Let the record reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of these votes.

#### LIMITS FOR FARM PAYMENTS

#### HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 5, 2002*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker are we going to have a vote of "yea" or "nay" on limits for farm payments?

I would first offer a quote by the President from last August, "There's a lot of medium-sized farmers that need help, and one of the things that we're going to make sure of as we restructure the farm program next year is that the money goes to the people it's meant to help."

The following is a dear Colleague sent out yesterday and signed by Representatives NICK SMITH, MARCY KAPTURE, JOHN HOSTETTLER, EARL POMEROY, EARL BLUMENAUER, DAN MILLER, DOUG BEREUTER, and TAMMY BALDWIN, and I quote, As the farm bill conferees begin deliberations, I ask for your help in bringing about meaningful federal farm policy with limits on how much money a farm can receive. As President Bush has said, we should work to send him a bill that directs support to those it was meant to help, namely small and mainstream family farms.

In response to the Dear Colleague letter dated February 27, 2001 from Representatives CHAMBLISS and BERRY, one thing should be made clear: there are no effective limits for price support payments farmers may receive in current law, or in the House-passed farm bill. When the \$150,000 limit is reached, any producer can continue to receive unlimited price support benefits through loan forfeitures and certificates. According to the Environmental Working Group's website ([www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org)) the top 5 recipients from 1996–2000 were: Riceland Foods, Inc. \$49 million; Farmers Rice Corporation, \$38.2 million; Harvest States Coop, \$23.8 million; Tyler Farms, \$28.2 million; Producers Rice Mill, Inc., \$19.8 million. Do we really want federal farm policy that gives unlimited support to huge farm operations?

Last October, the Smith payment limitation amendment was brought before the House under the 5-minute debate rule. Despite the time limit on debate and organized opposition, the amendment fell just 26 votes short of passage. However, payment limitations successfully moved in the Senate farm bill by a vote of 66–31. Now we must resist the efforts of those who seek to thwart our efforts to cap farm subsidies. Unlike what has been suggested, most states do not have a single farmer who would be affected by the limitations we are trying to establish.

If you have any questions or would like to sign on to the letter of Representatives POMEROY and BEREUTER requesting payment limitations, contact Representative POMEROY's office, Representative BEREUTER's Office, or Representative SMITH's office.

#### HONORING REINHARDT COLLEGE

#### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there are a select group of people who reach out to make the world a better place, and truly make an impact on the lives of others. Dr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Falany are two such individuals. They worked tirelessly at Reinhardt College for 25 years, to bring students, faculty, and alumni the best they could offer as an educational and collegiate experience.

Since first coming to Reinhardt in 1973, one of Dr. Falany's dreams was to bring a church to the campus. He saw that dream become a reality, when Reinhardt opened its doors to a new sanctuary in 1987. Aware of the importance of music and the performing arts, not only to a well-rounded educational facility, but also to a community, Dr. Falany's next goal became the construction of a state-of-the-art performance center. I am pleased to say that as of January 2002, Dr. Falany's second dream has also been brought to life.

The Floyd A. and Fay W. Falany Performing Arts Center was first announced in 1998, following the completion of its ambitious fundraising campaign. An anonymous donor contributed the center's name gift, asking it be named for the former Reinhardt president and his wife. It holds eight practice rooms, six classrooms, two rehearsal spaces, two production/control rooms, four dressing areas, a green room, storage space, 15 offices, and a 350-seat auditorium with seven balcony areas. Taking 14 months to build, the project ran a total of \$9 million. It houses both the music and communications departments of the college; the music department began holding classes in the building in January, and the communications and business school will join in the fall.

The first service was held in the center on Saturday, February 16, 2002, honoring the Falanys and the dedication of the center to the school. The next ceremony will be in April for the school's annual "Celebration Event," at which the college's trustees, advisors, alumni board, and ministerial association officers will meet to attend a performance by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

I ask my fellow members to, please join me in congratulating Reinhardt College, on the successful completion of its new performing arts center, and in thanking Dr. and Mrs. Falany for their continued dedication to their work, to the students of Reinhardt College, to God, and to their community.

#### TRIBUTE TO RETIRING WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY PRESIDENT

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 6, 2002*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colonel (Ret.) Jerry Brown, former President of Wentworth Military Academy, for the service he has given to the academy for the last seven years.